

2016 Key Focus Areas for Referee Coaching of Development Match Officials

Below is a guide to what we should be looking for during our Referee Coaching appointments for Development Match Officials during the 2016 season and beyond, based on six Key Focus Areas. However, as a rule, we should only be providing our referees with **NO MORE than 3 POINTS any one time.**

PRESENTATION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Uniform • Confident • Approachable for coaches and players
SAFETY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All aspects, eg Tackle, Scrum, ruck, maul etc
POSITIONING	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Square to goal lines • A-line positioning • Ball-line running • Effective Set piece positioning • Urgency: exit from Scrum/Lineout/T/R/M (ahead of the traffic, eg sprint first 5 steps)
SET PIECE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Controlled set up of scrum, 3 calls – 3 actions • Waits for STABILITY before allows ball to be fed. • Creates GAP at lineout and allows a fair contest
TACKLE/RUCK/MAUL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Speed of ball delivery • Simple breakdown checklist? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. TACKLER 2. BALL CARRIER 3. ARRIVING PLAYERS ON FEET • Even-handed and consistent with decision making (right or wrong)
COMMUNICATION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strong whistle – varied tones • Clear and confident signals (primary & secondary) • Specific Talk – “Number, Colour, Action!”
GAME AWARENESS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reads play well • Creates SPACE (Offside) • Shows good empathy with relevant decision making • Does not impose on game • ADDS VALUE